

City of LaVerkin

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LaVerkin City Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, 111 S. Main, LaVerkin, Utah

Present: Mayor Karl Wilson; Council-Members: Richard Hirschi, Brandon Stephenson and Ray Justice; Staff: Derek Imlay, Troylinn Benson, Kevin Bennett, Chief Lloyd Watkins, and Christy Ballard; Public: Blair Gubler, Rose Valenti, and Jake Bulkley.

Councilmen Randy Reeve and Phil Jensen have been excused.

Chief Watkins introduced Officer Chris Ray. He has been hired as a full time police officer. Officer Ray has worked for the City in the past as a part time police officer. He most recently worked for Washington City.

Officer Ray thanked everyone for the warm hospitality and welcome. He has worked in law enforcement for 16 years and is excited for the opportunity to work in La Verkin.

Kyle Gubler then swore in Officer Christopher David Ray.

- A. Called to Order** – Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Derek Imlay at 6:03pm.
- B. Consent Agenda:** (Items on the consent agenda may not require discussion. These items will be a single motion unless removed at the request of the Mayor or City Council.)
1. Declarations of conflict of interest
 2. Agenda
 3. May 15, 2013 regular meeting minutes
 4. Review Invoices and Checks: \$166,597.08

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to approve the consent agenda including checks and invoices in the amount of \$166, 597.08, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Roll Call Vote: Hirschi-yes, Stephenson-yes, Justice-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Committee Reports:

1. Planning Commission – Councilman Hirschi said that there has not been a meeting since he last reported.
2. Water Board – Mayor Wilson reported on the Water Board meeting during the last City Council meeting.
3. Sewer Board–Blair reported that Ash Creek has just begun the clean out project in La Verkin that is done every other year. They try to keep to the insurances' recommended schedule. It should be finished this fall or next spring.
The first cutting of alfalfa has been made and was sold in two days. They have also cut the triticale. This is cut once a year. There is still some of that available.
They have two major projects going. One is in Toquerville and one in Hurricane. They are replacing old sewer mains in Hurricane.

Councilman Hirschi asked if the goats were used to keep the weeds down at the sewer lagoons.

Blair answered that they are used to keep the weeds down in the sewer lagoons and on the field that the tritcale grows. Ash Creek also sells some of them every January.

4. Fire District-Chief Kuhlmann is not present to report.

D. Citizen Comment & Request for Future Agenda Items:

No comments were made.

E. Public Hearing:

1. FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment

This amendment is for the Drainage Fund. Only three lines have been changed. The Salaries and Wages line, Insurance line, and the Miscellaneous line. Total Expenditures were changed from \$83,320 to \$89,320.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing at 6:11pm.

No comments were made.

The public hearing closed at 6:12pm.

F. Business:

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution No. R-2013-11; A Resolution adopting the FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment.
This is the third budget amendment for this year.

Motion was made by Councilman Brandon Stephenson to approve Resolution No. R-2013-11; Adoption of the FY 2012-2013 Budget Amendment, second by Councilman Ray Justice. Roll Call Vote: Justice-yes, Stephenson-yes, Hirschi-yes, Reeve-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and possible action on feral animals and of the disposition of animals.
Chief Watkins explained that he is looking for direction from the City Council on how to handle the complaints the City has been receiving about the ability or inability to handle feral animals.
Right now the City does loan out a couple of live traps but the person has to be responsible for the disposition of the animal whether it is a skunk, raccoon, etc.
There have also been questions/complaints about cats. Chief thought that when the City was deciding to take on animal control it was decided that cats are a free roaming animal and we didn't think there would be a real issue with them. The City had been working with Susan Barrett who will trap feral animals and take them to be spade or neutered and then release them back where she caught them. There has been a question as to whether this is the best way to handle the issue.
There are several different options staff has been looking at and Chief wondered what the Council thought would be the best way to go.

One is to start taking cats. Hurricane does this. They will let people take live traps Monday-Thursday, trap the animal and if the shelter has room they will take it. If the animal is trapped on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, the person is responsible for the disposition of the animal.
If this is something La Verkin is interested in doing, a separate room will need to be added to the building. The other issue with taking cats is how to determine if it is someone's pet, and if it is a pet who does it belong to, or is it a feral animal.
Another option is to create an ordinance making it illegal to feed stray cats.

Chief feels the ordinance is the easier option.

Councilman Stephenson asked if it was possible to tell if a person was feeding feral cats.

Chief replied that they would have to conduct an investigation. It would not be necessarily easy but it can be done.

Councilman Justice feels that it would not be in the Cities best interest to house or feed feral animals. Pets are a different story. If a person's pet gets away from them he feels that we should pick it up and feed/house it for a reasonable amount of time giving the owner time to pick it up. Cats however are a free roaming animal.

Chief said that as far as dogs go we do have an ordinance in place for all of that. We have not had to purchase food yet and normally have not had a dog more than a couple of months. Cats are what we are having an issue with.

Mayor Wilson pointed out that we already have a directive on this issue. It was emailed to the councilmembers. Everything that has been mentioned as needing to have is already in that directive.

Kyle mentioned that the main issue right now is that if we want to handle cats we will need to spend some money on the building.

Councilman Hirschi feels that we should not change the animal shelter to allow cats. He also asked who pays for the cats to be spade and neutered when Susan picks them up.

Chief answered that Susan pays for the cats she traps.

Mayor Wilson suggested having Chief and Kyle run the general directive by Kevin to see if we would want to make the policy. It sounds like we are heading down the right path, what we are doing seems to be working.

Councilman Justice asked when the traps are loaned to people do they understand they are responsible for the disposition of the animal they trap.

Chief replied that yes, they are told that.

3. Discussion and possible action on the RFP of the sound system.

Kyle explained that Sunrise Engineering put this together. Kevin has looked it over and is okay with it. There was a question on if we want the contractor to bond and have insurance. Russ, from Sunrise Engineering recommends having it done but it will add \$200-\$500 to the overall bid.

Councilman Hirschi asked if the roof was complete.

Mayor Wilson said that the roof has one minor repair that needs to be made and then the City will sign off on finalizing it.

Councilman Hirschi asked if accepting this holds us to the project.

Mayor Wilson answered that Kevin has written it so that this allows the project to go out for bid. The contract is already written and it will still have to come back to the Council for finalization of the contract but that could be after the fact.

Motion was made by Councilman Richard Hirschi to accept the contract as written, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Roll Call Vote: Justice-yes, Stephenson-yes, Hirschi-yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wilson commented that this project may not get invoiced in this budget year. If it doesn't a budget amendment will need to be done to roll the money over to next year.

G. Staff, Mayor & Council Reports:

City Administrator - Kyle Gubler

Kyle passed out a copy of his report.

There will be a float for the Councilmembers in the 4th of July parade.

Winterfest preparations are already underway.

Included in Kyle's handout is an Economic Snapshot for Washington County from the

Department of Workforce Services.

There is also a list of trainings staff attended during the year.

It is Election year. So far there are 3 candidates for mayor and 5 for the two city council seats.

Public Safety - Chief Lloyd Watkins

Chief gave training in staff meeting today on safe driving.

He also passed out May's stat sheet. Incidents are down but considering April was up 49% it's

nice to have it even out a bit.

The arrests have gone up significantly. He thanked his guys for the hard work they have been

doing and welcomed Officer Ray to the department.

Councilman Stephenson asked what vehicles are being used right now.

Chief listed the cars that are being used. The Impala is the standby car if one is needed.

Director of Operations - Derek Imlay

The Road Project is technically completed now.

The Roof Project is almost complete. We are just waiting for some clarification from the

manufacturer and for the warranty to come in. They will be putting insulation and protective

coating over the duct work.

The second part of the Water Meter Project will be starting this month. He is hoping to up the

number of meters installed per month from 25 to 83. The first project predicted getting 16

installed and 244 were done, with this project he is hoping to accomplish 350-400.

Family Dollar is getting the pad ready. There are some little things still getting resolved with the

Engineer but it is moving forward.

John has been doing a great job with the Hotel. He just did a framing inspection and they are

hoping for sheetrock in the next few weeks.

There will be a Utility meeting tomorrow for Sunset View Estates. Kevin has received an

agreement from their attorney and they have invested money in getting all the studies done. They

do need to go through Planning Commission and City Council so it will be at least a month before

they get going.

Wood chips were delivered yesterday to the playground area at Wanlass Park.

Treasurer-Troylinn Benson

Troylinn is trying to get things finished up before the end of the year.

Mayor Wilson:

The newspaper had another Pipeline article in it today. The annalist from the article is the same person who presented at the last CIRPAC meeting and was very good. He encouraged everyone to pay attention to this issue.

Councilman Justice asked about Pah Tempe.

Mayor Wilson gave a brief report on what has gone on with Pah Tempe. The Washington County Water Conservancy District has purchased the property. They are going to drain the grottos and put caretakers there while several studies can be done before they develop it.

Justice: His meetings are all coming up so he has nothing to report at this time.

Hirschi: Nothing to report.

Stephenson: Nothing to report.

Mayor Wilson stated there is a need to go to and Executive Session in regard to a personnel issue.

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn to an executive session to discuss a personnel issue-located at 111 S. Main to include all council present, Kyle Gubler and Chief Lloyd Watkins, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously at 6:49pm.

Mayor Wilson left the meeting at 6:54pm.

Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to close the Executive Session and return to regular session, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously at 7:10pm.


Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to table the issue discussed until the next meeting where an Executive Session will be held with the entire City Council and the Mayor, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson.

Adjourn:


Motion was made by Councilman Ray Justice to adjourn, second by Councilman Brandon Stephenson. Motion carried unanimously at 7:12pm.

Minutes were taken on behalf of the City Recorder by Christy Ballard.

June 19, 2013
Date Approved



Mayor, Karl Wilson

ATTEST: 

Kyle Gubler
City Recorder

